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ALVAR AALTO

Model 63 convertible sofa

Heteka Oy or Wohnbedarf AG | Finland, c. 1933 | enameled steel, upholstery, birch
24½ h × 79½ w × 29 d in (62 × 202 × 74 cm)

Rare and early design by Aalto illustrates his influence from Marcel Breuer and tubular steel furniture being developed at the Bauhaus. Ironically, Breuer developed his Isokon furniture based on the designs of Aalto. The Convertible sofa by Aalto folds flat to become a bed and this noteworthy design was first shown at the "Minimal Apartment Exhibition" in Helsinki in 1930.

Literature:

Swiss Furniture and Interiors in the 20th Century, Ruegg, pg. 343

Alvar Aalto Designer, Alvar Aalto Museum, pg. 163

Estimate: \$6,000–8,000

Result: \$12,980

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